

ber and November and transplant to the growing beds in February. I think the Imperial Valley, Yuma and Indio would be the correct places to try out this seed." (Mason.) For distribution later.

*Amygdalus persica*. (Amygdalaceae.) 36724. Seeds of a peach from Kalgan, China. "A small, but hardy peach, cultivated in sheltered localities in the northern parts of Chili province. To be tested in the regions north of the peach-belt proper." (Meyer's introduction.) For distribution later.

*Artemisia* sp. (Asteraceae.) 36797. Seeds of a wormwood from Peking, China. "A biennial wormwood occurring as a weed on all sorts of dry, waste places. The Chinese utilize this plant as a stock to graft chrysanthemums upon and claim that 'mums' thus grafted are earlier, need less water and no manure, are more easily lifted and transplanted and in general require far less care, than when on their own roots. To obtain the best results the Chinese sow the seed in late summer, in well drained beds. The seeds germinate quickly, but the little plants make but very small growth during the autumn and winter. When spring is there, however, they develop with great vigor and in June they have well-formed stems. Now the Chinese cut off the main stem an inch or so from the ground and graft a chrysanthemum scion upon it by the ordinary cleft-graft method; no wax is used, but only a small strip of fiber, while the plants are shaded during the first days. The stock and the scion soon unite and continue to grow vigorously. On very strongly developed specimens of the stock, the main branches are often used to insert on every one a different variety of chrysanthemum or to train a beautiful 'standard' tree of it and some of such specimens are fully as good as the plants seen at home exhibitions of 'mums.' The above described method of grafting chrysanthemums might prove to be valuable for the sections of the United States where the summers are somewhat too short or the nights too cool, to rear the plants successfully out of doors, as for instance in the more elevated parts of the Rocky Mountain States. N. B. Care has to be taken in watering the plants sparingly when lifted and planted in flower pots." (Meyer's introduction.) For distribution later.

*Brassica oleracea caulorapa*. (Brassicaceae.) 36770. Seeds of a kohlrabi from Kalgan, China. "A very large variety of kohlrabi, which weighed when fresh 16 pounds.